
Notice of Completion of Inventory of Native American Human Remains from Hawaii in the Possession of the Peabody & Essex Museum.

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

Notice is hereby given in accordance with provisions of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 25 U.S.C. 3003(d), of the completion of the inventory of human remains from Hawaii in the possession of the Peabody & Essex Museum. Representatives of culturally affiliated Native Hawaiian organizations are advised that these human remains will be retained by the museum until February 5, 1993, after which they may be repatriated to the culturally affiliated group.

The detailed inventory and assessment of these human remains has been made by the Peabody & Essex Museum curatorial staff, specialists in physical anthropology and prehistoric archeology from the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum, Honolulu, HI, and representatives of Hui Mālama I Nā Kūpuna 'O Hawai'i Nei, a nonprofit, Native Hawaiian organization incorporated under the laws of the State of Hawaii and recognized under 25 U.S.C. 3001 (6) to provide guidance and expertise in decisions dealing with Native Hawaiian cultural issues, particularly burial issues.

The human remains consist of a cranium collected by Charles Derby in the Sandwich (now Hawaiian) Islands in the 19th Century. The cranium was accessioned by the Essex Institute prior to 1867 and catalogued as Hawaiian. Osteological documentation revealed a "rocker jaw" and upper palate typical of Polynesian individuals. The crania is believed to be of Hawaiian cultural affiliation based on this morphology and collection history.

Based on the above mentioned information, officials of the Peabody & Essex Museum have determined pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001 (2) that there is a relationship of shared group identity which can be reasonably traced between these remains and present-day Native Hawaiian organizations.

This notice has been sent to officials of Hui Mālama I Nā Kūpuna 'O Hawai'i Nei and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Representatives of any other Native Hawaiian organization which believes itself to be culturally affiliated with these human remains should contact John R. Grimes, Curator of Archaeology, Peabody & Essex Museum, East India Square, Salem MA 01970, (508) 745-1876, before February 5, 1993.

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